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Synopsis

She has come a long way.

Orphaned, born a weakling, and being the infamous good-for-nothing of Azure Dragon Country. Gu Ruoyun was the shame of the proud Gu household. Falsely accused of a crime she did not commit, she was betrayed by her family and beaten to death by her own grandfather. But life took a fateful twist on that very day — she was revived.

Newly awakened, she is now the Master of an ancient treasure that resides within her body. Precious cultivation pills, treasures beyond her wildest imagination and spiritual beasts, all within her grasp... She is the apple of the eye of all under the heavens, including that of a mysterious, handsome man.

Now she only has one goal — to conquer the world.

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Chapter 1401: The Sacred Beast (6)

Gu Ruoyun never thought that Wen Ya would be so stupid as to fantasize about successfully forming a contract with this little fellow in an instant.

Spiritual beasts have always been extremely lofty-minded. If the matter has not reached its approval, it would never willingly allow a contract from the opposition! It would rather die in glory than live in dishonor!

"Lord Sacred Beast, please calm down." Elder Tianren wiped the cold sweat from his brow and tried to console it.

Calm down?

The little fellow became even more furious when it heard Elder Tianren's words and sent him a fierce glare.

This damned human is far too audacious, she even dared to try and form a contract with me! I should never have allowed myself to be mystified by her beautiful looks and lost myself in her flattery!

"This..." Elder Tianren looked at the Clan Leader and said, "Lord Clan Leader, the Sacred Beast is in such a rage that I'm afraid no one else would receive its approval at this moment. How about we forget about this for today and continue the reselection when the Sacred Beast's heart has calmed down?"

Hearing this, the Clan Leader nodded, "You're right, Elder, the Lord Sacred Beast has always had a bad temper. It's now in the middle of a tantrum so it would never respond to anyone at this point. Since that's the case, let's wait a few more days. We shall continue this then."

Wen Ya was lying on the icy cold ground. She seemed to sense the looks of disdain around her and immediately felt a sense of panic on her face. She felt the great urge to find a hole in the ground and

squeeze herself into it.

Yet, what she could not stand most of all was the fact that she had failed to tame the Sacred Beast!

Wen Ya felt as if a needle had pierced fiercely into her heart when she thought of this. It was extremely agonizing. It was also at this moment that she overheard the conversation between Elder Tianren and the Clan Leader. She quickly shot the Wen family guard, who was standing next to her, a look.

The guard understood it intuitively and walked in front of the crowd before joining his fists and saying, "Lord Clan Leader, Elder Tianren, only Lady Gu alone has not taken the Sacred Beast's test. My Young Lady has always had a very amicable relationship with Lady Gu so she is naturally aware of Lady Gu's abilities. Please grant Lady Gu this opportunity so that she may step forward and prove herself! I feel that out of everyone else here, only Lady Gu would be able to tame the Sacred Beast!"

Of course, as Wen Ya's trusted aide, the guard had purposely amplified Gu Ruoyun's abilities. Only then would they be able to anger the Lord Sacred Beast even more!

His Young Lady has lost her dignity in front of the public's eyes. Therefore, Gu Ruoyun should not escape this attack either! Hence, the Wen family would never let her get away so easily no matter what!

"The Wen family members sure are sinister! Even their guard is no different."

Chu Luo scoffed icily and stared disdainfully at the Wen family guard who had stepped out to give his suggestion.

"I don't understand, when had our Master been on good terms with that sl*t, Wen Ya? She had lost her dignity on her own, there's no need to drag anyone else down with her." Zi Yun's face was filled with disdain as well. "Unfortunately, both their

situations aren't the same. Even if our Master fails under these circumstances, she would not lose too much face. Unlike Wen Ya, who had acted so confidently only to fail in the end."

In contrast with Chu Luo and Zi Yun's anger, Gu Ruoyun looked so calm that there was not even a single thread of emotion visible on her face. There were no signs of emotions in her clear and cold eyes as well as he stared intently at the Wen Ya's pale form.

Of course, the Wen family guard's words not only angered the Sacred Beast even further; he had also offended a group of disciples.

"What big talk, to actually say that only this woman, out of all of us, could receive the Sacred Beast's approval! That's right, I do admit that she has great talent! She even defeated Senior Brother Yun Yan but I don't think that she would be able to receive the Sacred Beast's approval! Such brash and arrogant words, he not afraid of having one's tongue chopped off."

"Lord Clan Leader, since she's so great, why not give her a try. I'd love to see what ability she's going to use to get the Sacred Beast's approval!"

Chapter 1402: A Failed Inheritance? (1)

The crowd's fervent discussion filled the entire plaza which made the Clan Leader and various elders knit their brows, clearly annoyed with the Wen family bodyguard's words. After all, the Sacred Beast's disposition has always been strange. For someone to receive its approval was difficult enough on a regular day. Besides, it was still in a rage at this moment.

To have Gu Ruoyun step forward under these circumstances was a guaranteed failure!

"Everyone."

The Clan Leader waved her hand and asked everyone to quiet down. She swept her cold and indifferent eyes towards the Wen family bodyguard and spoke faintly, "The Secret Order has always prioritized fairness and it would be unfair for Gu Ruoyun to step forward now. Hence, let us disperse for now. We shall continue once the Sacred Beast's emotions have stabilized."

Wen Ya's expression changed. She never thought that the Clan Leader of the Secret Order would stand up for Gu Ruoyun. This was clearly out of her expectation.

She gritted her teeth as her heart grew wild with hatred. However, her head began to throb with agony as well. It was so painful that she quickly gave up all thought so that her state of mind would return to her calm demeanor.

After the Clan Leader spoke, the plaza was instantly silenced. Suddenly, the Wen family's guard spoke once again, "Lord Clan Leader, many people have already taken the test and only Gu Ruoyun has not stepped up. If you don't permit her to take the test today, it would be equivalent to giving her more time for preparation. Isn't that unfair to everyone else?"

Whoosh!

This time, forget about everyone else, even Wen Ya's expression had turned completely ashen.

She had been too preoccupied about hating Gu Ruoyun and had forgotten to warn the Wen family guard to stop speaking. She never thought that the guard, who had not received Wen Ya's order, to assume that his Young Lady wanted him to play the conspiracy to the end. Hence, he had ended up spewing such rude words in front of everyone else.

The Clan Leader's eyes darkened. She then spoke in a leisurely manner, "Hehe, I never thought that after concealing the Secret Order for so many years, even a Wen family guard would dare to challenge the Secret Order's dignity! This is not bad at all! It looks like I would need to ask the First City's Governor if this is really one of the Three Great Protectors that he has chosen back then?"

"Shut up!"

Just as the Clan Leader had spoken up irritably, Wen Ya quickly rose to her feet and furiously slapped the guard next to her. She then chastised him with a fierce and sharp look in her eyes, "I haven't spoken so when were you ever granted the right to speak? You've always used the trust my family's elders had in you to reign tyrannical abuse. You even bullied my step-sister, Wen Yue! While I can close one eye and ignore these matters and I had even discarded all former enmity and brought you here into the Secret Order, I never thought that you would say such treacherous words!"

Wen Ya looked extremely furious. Her eyes had become extremely red as she berated him in a stern voice.

Anyone who was not aware of the situation would think that the Wen family guard had acted out of his own accord and had nothing to do with Wen Ya!

She, on the other hand, was only responsible for failing to discipline him enough at the very most.

The Wen family guard also managed to understand the situation and threw himself to the ground with a crash. He lowered his head and exclaimed, "Please forgive me, Young Lady, I just couldn't bear the sight of it. Gu Ruoyun had secretly poisoned you on the day of the assessment in Celestial Mountain and forced you to give up on the champion's title. Otherwise, how could she have been able to become the champion? The champion's title should have belonged to the Wen family but she had used sinister tactics to snatch it! I didn't want you to lower yourself like this so I simply wanted to intervene on behalf of the injustice you've had to suffer."

Chapter 1403: A Failed Inheritance? (2)

His words implied that Wen Ya should have been the champion of the assessment and not Gu Ruoyun!

He also stated that Gu Ruoyun had used inappropriate tactics and poisoned Wen Ya, forcing her to give up on champion's title and to purposely lose to Gu Ruoyun in the competition.

Gu Ruoyun raised the corners of her lips indifferently. That was right, she had indeed poisoned Wen Ya but it was not to force her to give up the champion's title. Instead, after Wen Ya had lost to her, she had used the poison to threaten Wen Ya so that she could never do anything to hurt her or her family members.

Yet, she never expected that even after being poisoned, Wen Ya would continue to try and use other people to get her killed!

Rustle!

Just as the Wen family guard had spoken, the crowd instantly exploded. Their eyes turned towards Gu Ruoyun in disbelief as if they never thought that someone would dare to cheat in the Secret Order's assessment!

She has even used such underhanded tactics!

Wen Ya's expression was filled with misery yet she responded immediately, "Enough! Is that how our Wen family has educated you? You will return to the family home and accept punishment after this!"

"Eldest Lady, no matter what punishment you wish to inflict upon me, I am still going to intervene on behalf of the injustice you've had to suffer! Someone like Gu Ruoyun who would stoop to despicable tactics should never have been allowed to set foot in a place like the Secret Order! I am only exposing her for her crimes in case she ends up deceiving the whole world!"

Gu Ruoyun, this is the result of going against our Wen family!

Do you think that you can do whatever you want just because you've used poison to control my Eldest Lady? What a joke! Someone like you should never offend our Wen family! So what if we throw sewage all over you? The poison flowing in the Eldest Lady's body is real, anyway. You, on the other hand, even if a million people were to speak up for you, it would not clear you of your crime.

A fierce light flashed across the Wen family guard's eye and he smiled viciously.

Elder Tianren laughed icily. He then turned towards the Wen family guard and said, "Is this true? Do you have any proof?"

"Lord Elder." The Wen family guard put the viciousness in his eyes away, fiercely kowtow-ed twice and said, "I heard that there's an outstanding physician in the Secret Order. If you don't believe me, you can ask the doctor to examine the Eldest Lady's body and see if there's any trace of poison! Our Wen family members have always been kind and honest. We would never do anything to hurt others."

A physician?

Wen Ya's eyes sparkled. How did I not think of this?

This Secret Order physician's abilities were very outstanding. As long as he could determine whether she has been poisoned, Gu Ruoyun would be convicted of harming others. Perhaps the Secret Order's physician could cure her of the poison too...

Wen Ya stared at the Wen family guard in satisfaction. This fellow has indeed followed her for many years to be able to think of such an idea. He was certainly not a waste of her patronage.

The Clan Leader fell silent before she gently nodded. "I'll have to trouble Elder Wuyu then. Please step forward and examine her to see if she has been poisoned."

"Yes, Clan Leader."

Hearing this, an old man emerged from the elders. He smiled indifferently as he slowly walked towards Wen Ya.

"Master."

Chu Luo and Zi Yun's hearts clenched as they stared at Elder Wuyu nervously.

They were the only ones besides the Wen family group who knew that Gu Ruoyun had indeed poisoned Wen Ya. However, that poison had not been used to force Wen Ya to give up the champion's title! Instead, it had been to control her!

After all, Gu Ruoyun had administered the poison after defeating Wen Ya.

However, no one would ever believe them if they explained it.

Chapter 1404: A Failed Inheritance? (3)

The plaza beneath the light of the setting sun was quiet.

Everyone fixed their gaze upon Elder Wuyu as their breathing quickened. They could not bear to even blink.

Shrouded in the afterglow of the setting sun, Gu Ruoyun looked just as calm as ever. It was as if she was not the least bit worried about the negative result that Elder Wuyu's examination could bring.

At this moment, Wen Ya, who had been paying close attention to Gu Ruoyun, noticed her calm exterior and an uncomfortable feeling rose within her heart. Her anxiety only increased as Elder Wuyu approached her.

She wanted to speak up but could not say a word.

"Give me your hand."

Elder Wuyu looked at Wen Ya and smiled calmly as he spoke.

Wen Ya bit her lip when she heard this but held her hand out in the end.

Elder Wuyu placed his finger on Wen Ya's pulse before he frowned elderly brows.

"How is she, Elder Wuyu?" The Clan Leader looked at Elder Wuyu and asked faintly.

Elder Wuyu turned towards the Clan Leader and shook his head before saying, "Reporting to you, Lord Clan Leader, there's nothing wrong with this little girl's body. That's also to say that she's never been poisoned!"

I've never been poisoned?

Wen Ya staggered back several steps before landing with her butt on the ground.

There's no poison? How can this be? Gu Ruoyun had really poisoned me at the time and I have a very vivid sense of that poison too. How can Elder Wuyu say that I've never been poisoned?

Could it be... That Gu Ruoyun's medical skills are superior to Elder Wuyu's skills?

Therefore, Elder Wuyu can't determine the issue in my body?

"There's no poison? That's impossible. My Young Lady has really been poisoned, it's not possible that she isn't poisoned. Elder Wuyu, please check again." The Wen family guard staggered back and spoke with a pale look on his face.

He had one last hope in his heart; he hoped that Elder Wuyu had made a mistake with his diagnosis and had resulted in this conclusion.

However...

He did not take into account the physician's pride. As a physician, Elder Wuyu would never let anyone suspect his abilities!

"Hmph!"

Elder Wuyu's smile slowly disappeared when he heard this. He then straightened his sleeves and coldly remarked, "Are you saying that my medical skills are so inferior that I can't even diagnose a person who has been poisoned?"

An aura erupted from the elder's body and nearly knocked the Wen family guard over. He simply could not understand how Elder Wuyu was unable to detect the poison in the Eldest Lady's body?

At the same time, Chu Luo and Zi Yun were also shocked by this conclusion. They both turned towards Gu Ruoyun in disbelief as their hearts filled with surprise.

No wonder their Master had remained so calm and collected the entire time. It was because she knows that Elder Wuyu would not

be able to detect the poison in Wen Ya's system!

Chu Luo deeply admired Gu Ruoyun at this moment.

However, Gu Ruoyun, who was still under the crowd's watchful eye, did not say anything else. Instead, she walked towards the Sacred Beast who was in the midst of throwing a tantrum.

"Gu girl, what are you doing?" Elder Tianren furrowed his brows as he looked at Gu Ruoyun in a puzzled manner.

Hearing this, Gu Ruoyun sent Elder Tianren an odd stare, shrugged her shoulders and said, "Didn't the Secret Order call me out here today so that we could try and receive the Sacred Beast's approval? I'm now the only one left who hasn't given it a go yet. Since that's the case, let us begin. I have some urgent matters to attend to and I don't have a lot of time to waste here. It's best that we end this quickly."

Chapter 1405: A Failed Inheritance? (4)

Elder Tianren was totally shocked as if he never thought that Gu Ruoyun would say such a thing.

He knitted his brows and was just about to speak but the green-robed woman had already arrived in front of the Sacred Beast.

The Sacred Beast was clearly unhappy with Gu Ruoyun's approach. It chirped at her and tried to speak. Its large eyes were completely full of a fiery rage.

There's nothing good about humans at all!

To actually use such despicable tactics to lure me into putting down my defenses and to take advantage and place a contract on me!

This cannot be forgiven!

The more the little fellow thought about this, the angrier it felt. It glared at Gu Ruoyun fiercely.

If this human also dares to approach me, I will never let her leave so easily.

All was quiet in the plaza.

Every eye was focused on Gu Ruoyun. Their gaze was filled with shock and disdain. They really wanted to see what this little girl was planning to do!

Prior to this, so many others had been unable to receive the Sacred Beast's approval. Does she think that she would be able to persuade the Sacred Beast to let its guard down under these circumstances? That was just a fool's dream!

The more the crowd thought about this, the harder they wanted to laugh. Their eyes were focused entirely on Gu Ruoyun and their looks of ridicule were as if they were watching a joke!

"Gu Ruoyun can't be thinking of receiving the Sacred Beast's

approval under these circumstances?" Wen Ya's mouth dropped open in shock before her expression gradually turned cold.

At this moment, she suddenly forgot about her own situation and watched Gu Ruoyun fixedly like everyone else.

Gu Ruoyun behaved as if she did not sense the complicated looks around her at all. She focused her full attention on the little fellow's soft and fluffy body. She then said something which shocked everyone.

"Do you like candy?"

Candy?

The disciples of the Secret Order were dumbstruck. The look in their eyes gradually changed into an incomprehensible expression as they looked at her as if they were staring at an idiot!

Is this woman mad?

Does she think that the Sacred Beast is a three-year-old child? That it can be bribed with a few bits of candy? She's fantasizing about using candy to receive its approval! Is she sure that she's not joking about this?

Even Yun Yan could not help but knit his delicate brows. He stared at Gu Ruoyun oddly and fell into deep thought.

Amidst the sound of laughter, Gu Ruoyun produced a few jade-green pills from her lapel as a devilish smile formed on the corners of her lips.

Just a while ago, she had received a piece of information from Zixie!

This little fellow, who has been known as the Secret Order's Sacred Beast, was not really a spiritual beast!

Hence, this was why the little fellow could not speak in the human language like other spiritual beasts!

A small light flashed across Gu Ruoyun's eyes when she thought

of the little fellow's true identity and the smile on her face deepened.

"This little fellow is not a spiritual beast and it's not really a living thing! Instead, it was a natural product born from the excess spiritual energy during the initial stages of this world's creation. It had not been bestowed with any form of life but had gradually developed a mind of its own as time passed. However, because this little fellow was born from spiritual energy, it would have a profound interest in pills which contains powerful spiritual energy."

This was the reason why Gu Ruoyun had the courage to speak!

Gu Ruoyun lifted her gaze at the thought of this and fixed her eyes on the little fellow.

"Gu Ruoyun, I'd advise you to give it up. Just who do you think the Sacred Beast is? Why would it have any fondness for the candy in your hand?"

"That's right! Forget about these child-deceiving toys. The Secret Order's Sacred Beast is not that stupid to fall into your temptation."

Chapter 1406: A Failed Inheritance? (5)

"Hahaha, I'm going to laugh myself to death. Are you really treating the Sacred Beast like a small child? As the Secret Order's Sacred Beast, its power should not be underestimated!"

The disciples burst into laughter, clearly paying no mind to Gu Ruoyun's actions.

"This is..."

However, just as the disciples were in the midst of laughing, Elder Wuyu, who had not made any move, shook.

"Pills. That's right, those are pills!"

He had muttered to himself but because the sound of laughter was too loud, his voice was drowned out by the sound of laughter.

Also, because all eyes were now fixed upon Gu Ruoyun, no one noticed Elder Wuyu's body trembling.

As a physician, Elder Wuyu was also a Pill Master and the Hall Master of the Secret Order's Pill Hall! How could he not detect the distinctive aura of pills? However, based on his abilities, he would never be able to determine the rank of Gu Ruoyun's pills.

One could imagine the shock he was feeling.

"I never thought that this little girl would turn out to be a pill master and her power is far more outstanding than everyone else. The Clan Leader has truly uncovered a treasure this time."

Elder Wuyu's eyes lit up as he stared unblinkingly at Gu Ruoyun.

If he found out that Gu Ruoyun was really the Sacred Lady, Dongfang Yu's daughter, his surprise would be even greater.

After all, if Gu Ruoyun had a connection with the Secret Order's Sacred Lady, that means that she would also become a member of the Secret Order. How could a pill refining fanatic like Elder Wuyu not feel excited with this prospect?

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What does 'extreme joy begets sorrow' mean?

Very soon, the Secret Order disciples began to experience this feeling.

Just as they were laughing at Gu Ruoyun, they noticed that the once enraged little fellow, who now looked like a wild animal which had been deprived of meat for a long time, was lunging at Gu Ruoyun.

The funniest thing was, even up to this point, they thought that Gu Ruoyun's actions had thoroughly drawn the Lord Sacred Beast's fury. As a result, the Lord Sacred Beast was about to let out all of its anger and wanted to tear the green-robed woman to shreds!

However, just as the little fellow was about to reach Gu Ruoyun's face, it suddenly lifted its claws and snatched the pills in Gu Ruoyun's hand before devouring them ravenously. It looked absolutely blissful as if it never had anything quite so tasty in its life.

Once it had swallowed all the pills, the little fellow looked at Gu Ruoyun and reached its claws out as it cried out incoherently, demanding for more.

Dead silence!

The entire plaza was completely silent until one could even hear a pin drop.

The Secret Order disciples widened their eyes in disbelief and stared at the Sacred Beast which was demanding for more candy in astonishment. They looked at it as if they were watching a goat eating meat and a tiger eating grass.

This situation was completely illogical!

How could the dignified Sacred Beast be bribed by a few bits of candy? It even wants more!

"F*ck!" Finally, one Secret Order disciple reacted and cursed out loud, "If I had known that the Sacred Beast was so interested in food, I would have prepared some candy to bribe it. This way, I would have been able to flourish by coincidence and receive the Sacred Beast's approval!"

That was right!

In their point of view, as long as they could give it candy, the Sacred Beast would have approved of them as well! That way, the Secret Order's inheritance would belong to them!

However, they never thought that this opportunity would fall to an outsider like Gu Ruoyun! Who would have expected her to run into such luck! She was able to run into such good fortune and use candy to bribe the Sacred Beast!

No matter what the crowd was thinking, they never expected that the dignified Sacred Beast would be such a glutton. It did not have the magnificence of a Sacred Beast at all!

Of course, they would never know that Gu Ruoyun had not been using candy but pills instead! The little fellow was not only interested in pills either. Instead, any item which contains powerful spiritual energy would attract its attention!

Chapter 1407: A Failed Inheritance? (6)

"Looks like we've reached a conclusion to this matter."

The Clan Leader sent Gu Ruoyun a profound look before she turned away. She then calmly announced, "The Sacred Beast has chosen her and she is now the heir to the Secret Order's inheritance. Lady Gu, you can come with me to accept the inheritance after this. Are you alright with that?"

Gu Ruoyun nodded as she said, "Sure."

"If that's the case, since there's nothing else to discuss, everyone may leave," ordered the Clan Leader with a wave of her hand in a light and airy voice. Suddenly, she seemed to remember something and turned towards Gu Ruoyun again. "There's one more thing, Lady Gu, if you wish to accept the Secret Order's inheritance, you must first comply with two things."

"Number one." The Clan Leader paused before continuing, "From now on, you aren't allowed to do anything which could harm the Secret Order. Number two, if the Secret Order should ever require your help, you must rush over and send aid as soon as you can! Of course, the Secret Order won't limit your freedom and we won't ask for your help under most circumstance. We will only ask for your help if an unprecedented crisis befalls the mainland!"

Gu Ruoyun fell silent.

At this moment, she suddenly remembered what Elder Tianren had said to her and bowed slightly, "Alright, I can promise that. However, I am very busy so don't contact me unless there's something important."

Gu Ruoyun does not know why but she could sense that if a crisis were to arise in the mainland, that crisis would somehow be connected to her!

Mainly because the powerful cultivator who was sealed away

within the Secret Order was most likely the fellow who had addressed himself as 'this Holy One'!

Not only had that fellow tried to kill her time and time again, Zixie had also nearly lost his life because of him. If it had not been for the fact that Zixie has the ability to resurrect from the flames, he might have really ended up dying by the cultivator's hand! Hence, even if the Secret Order had not mentioned this, she would not stand idly by!

"You can come with me."

The Clan Leader nodded. Her calm gaze swept across the disciples of the Secret Order before she quickly turned away and headed towards the back mountains.

"Young Lady, what should we do now?"

The Wen family guard had walked quickly to Wen Ya's side and looked anxious as he asked, "Gu Ruoyun is certainly vicious and merciless, she would never let us get away with this."

"Useless thing!" Wen Ya's eyes darkened as she spat. If it had not been for this fellow who had acted on his own, she would never have fallen into such a situation.

A sinister look flashed in Wen Ya's eyes at the thought of this. she then said, "You will send yourself back to the Wen family and accept punishment after this! As for now, we must leave the Secret Order. We cannot wait for Gu Ruoyun to finish accepting the inheritance and make us pay!"

Knowing that woman's character, she would seek revenge for the smallest grievance. If Wen Ya waited for her to accept the inheritance, their doom would soon arrive!

Now, they could only rush back to the Wen family!

Once they return to the Wen family, that woman would have no way of killing her.

"Yes, Young Lady."

The Wen family guard joined his firsts with an unsightly look on his face. He never thought that his one moment of action would have brought so much trouble to the Young Lady!

Furthermore, he never expected that even the Secret Order's physician would be unable to detect the poison in his Young Lady's body.

Most importantly, they even allowed that woman, Gu Ruoyun, to succeed in receiving the Sacred Beast's approval by a stroke of luck!

They could not bear this at all!

"Gu Ruoyun!"

Wen Ya clenched her fists. A searing pain immediately tore through her head when she thought of that name before a weary sense of weakness began to bubble up from her heart.

Chapter 1408: A Failed Inheritance? (7)

She hated that woman with such madness but she could not do anything about it!

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In the inheritance chamber.

There was a portrait hanging on the stone wall.

The portrait depicted a woman. Her long hair cascaded like a waterfall while her eyes and brows were as pretty as a picture. Her expression was grim and decisive while a longsword stood erect in front of her. Gu Ruoyun had immediately recognized the sword at first glance - it was the Nine Emperors that she now possesses!

"This woman holds the Nine Emperors in her hand. This must be the woman that I've seen many times in my dreams. The only thing was, her face had been blurred out each time. This is the first time I've ever seen her likeness. I never thought that she would turn out to be such an unsurpassed beauty."

However, when she remembered the relationship this woman had with Qianbei Ye, Gu Ruoyun's heart sank.

"We seem to have been brought together by fate. You were the last Master of the Ancient Divine Pagoda and I am the second Master. Besides, the Divine Weapon that I had accidentally obtained was also created by you. Therefore, in an unseen world, I've received your help once again. However, while I don't know what relationship you have with Xiao Ye, I trust him just as he trusts me. I also believe that the person who had pointed his sword at her can't possibly be him at all!"

At this moment, Gu Ruoyun remembered the vision she had seen in her dreams and a sense of determination flashed through her grim eyes.

In the dream, she had witnessed Qianbei Ye stabbing a sword

through the woman's chest, fully intending on snatching the Ancient Divine Pagoda away. However, she did not know why but she was certain that the man was not him at all.

Gu Ruoyun lifted her hand and gently stroked the portrait on the wall.

From a faint distance, some sort of power was calling out to her, filling her heart with warmth.

"Don't worry, I will find the true murderer and avenge you."

She will never forget how powerful the woman was in her dream! A powerful cultivator like that had been defeated by such a sinister plot! Hence, whether it was for the sake of the Ancient Divine Pagoda or the Divine Weapon, the Nine Emperors, she would avenge this woman!

Boom!

Suddenly, a powerful force erupted from the portrait on the wall. A white light dispersed throughout the inheritance chamber and enveloped Gu Ruoyun's body.

A somber voice rang out from nowhere, entering her ears.

"You've finally arrived?"

I've finally arrived?

Gu Ruoyun was shaken. Had this woman been waiting for me?

She began to search frantically all over the place at the thought of this but she could not even find that woman's shadow.

"I know that you must be looking for me. There's no need, I'm already dead. All that's left behind is a remnant of my thoughts! I don't know what dynasty it is now nor do I know where the inheritance that I've created has been placed. All I know is that I had left this inheritance before I died to await your arrival."

"In order to lure you here, I've separated a part of my own power. As a result, anyone who gets near to this inheritance will receive a

thread of power! They could even use this power for a breakthrough! I had hoped to use it to attract your attention to me."

Gu Ruoyun's eyes flashed. If Elder Tianren's words were accurate, the person who had brought the inheritance to the Secret Order should be Qianbei Ye.

It was likely that this woman had not had the time to prepare all her future arrangements and had hurriedly set up this inheritance! To protect this inheritance from falling into the wrong hands, Qianbei Ye had left this inheritance to the Secret Order and asked them to help protect it.

As Gu Ruoyun was in the midst of deep thought, the woman's somber voice slowly rang out, "I've placed a seal on this inheritance. Others may be able to accept a thread of its power but they can never fully grasp the abilities of this inheritance. Only you, the Master of the Ancient Divine Pagoda, can break the seal and receive the inheritance!"

Chapter 1409: A Failed Inheritance? (8)

"The real inheritance is not an inheritance of power! Instead, it comes from a strong will! I won't give my power. Even though you can achieve breakthroughs very quickly if you receive my power, you won't be able to reach the rank of supremacy on this mainland! Big mouthfuls often choke. It's best to leave you to progress step-by-step in your cultivation journey."

Gu Ruoyun's heart was overflowing with admiration for this ancient cultivator especially after hearing these words. It caused a peculiar feeling to rise in her heart.

This was a feeling that she had never felt before.

"Heir to my will, remember, no matter the difficulties in the road ahead, you must overcome all obstacles and walk through it all! After you have received my will, this will help you to step into the peak position! However, if you want to reach the state where no one has ever been able to touch for ten thousand years, aside from my will, you will still need the help of an external object! Ten thousand years ago, I had been working hard to reach the peak position yet I never managed to find the golden opportunity of breaking through to godhood! Hence, I'll leave this responsibility to you."

"Aside from my will, I will also give all my experience in cultivation to you. With my experience, you can have faster breakthroughs!"

What was the most important thing to a cultivator?

The most important thing was not, of course, to receive power by some stroke of luck!

Instead, it was to have all the experiences of a peerless cultivator!

This was the most precious thing of all to a cultivator!

Hence, after hearing what the peerless woman had said, Gu

Ruoyun's heart throbbed involuntarily, filled with shock.

She never expected to receive such great benefits during her visit to the Secret Order this time! This was even more exciting than having her powers promoted to another state!

"There's something that I need to ask you." After relishing in her joy, Gu Ruoyun's eyes darkened. "What's your relationship with Xiao Ye?" She asked, "Who were you ten thousand years ago? Is that powerful cultivator who is locked in the Secret Order connected to you? Or is he your enemy?"

After asking her questions, Gu Ruoyun suddenly came to her senses.

This peerless woman had only left a remnant of her memory, not a remnant of her soul! Therefore, how could she possibly answer her question?

Indeed, after saying her piece, the peerless woman's voice disappeared and no longer spoke again, nor did it answer any of her questions! All that was left was ripples of flowing energy like currents flowing into Gu Ruoyun's mind.

Instantly, Gu Ruoyun's mind was filled with a lot of things that do not belong to her and she knew that these were the experiences which had belonged to the peerless woman.

With such precious experiences, her cultivation journey will become even smoother!

"Little girl."

A figure dressed in long purple robes appeared in front of her from out of nowhere. The man's demonic eyes were turned towards the woman's elegant features as his lips curled into a gentle angle. "I know that you have many questions over the past few years and you are also very curious about the connection between Qianbei Ye and my previous Master. However, all will be revealed to you very soon! Now, you only need to continue your

journey and you will know the answers one day! Believe me!"

Gu Ruoyun nodded solemnly as she stared at the man's handsome yet gentle features. "I will never give up no matter what. Even if there are difficulties on the road ahead, even if I have to cut my way through thistles and thorns, I will journey through this bloody road."

Chapter 1410: A Failed Inheritance? (9)

Yun Yan was pacing back and forth as he waited anxiously outside the inheritance chamber.

At that moment, the large, tightly closed door to the inheritance chamber slowly swung open. When Yun Yan saw the green-robed woman who had appeared in the doorway, he happily approached her and was about to speak when he suddenly sensed the lack of change in Gu Ruoyun's aura. He was shocked.

"You, why are you still at the late-stage of the exceptional state?"

Logically speaking, any disciple who had entered the inheritance chamber would receive an increase in power even if they had failed.

Hence, if they were to successfully receive the inheritance, how many more benefits would they receive?

Yet, Gu Ruoyun was no different from when she had entered the inheritance chamber. Does that mean that she was worse than a failure?

Yun Yan looked at Gu Ruoyun at the thought of this and weakly exclaimed, "Leader, it's alright even if you've failed. After all, no one has ever successfully received this inheritance before."

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Many disciples had surrounded the outer area of the inheritance chamber. Hence, when they heard Gu Ruoyun's voice, countless stares immediately turned towards her.

Initially, they had come here to see the outcome of Gu Ruoyun's acceptance of the inheritance. Even the most useless person would have received an increase in power after entering the inheritance chamber! Unfortunately, the spiritual currents in the green-robed woman's body were the same as before. There had been utterly no change at all.

The disciples could not help but burst into laughter at the thought of this!

This was the heir who had been chosen by the Lord Sacred Beast! She was nothing like a Secret Order disciple at all! After all, a Secret Order disciple would have at least leveled up after accepting the inheritance.

What about her?

Forget about a promotion, there was not even a perceptible increase in her powers at all.

This was the failure of all failures! If this gets out, it would destroy the Secret Order's reputation!

Of course, they did not know that they could only detect an increase in power based on their level of ability. Therefore, they had not been able to detect the change in Gu Ruoyun's aura.

What she had received was not power. Instead, it was more like a promotion of her inner state!

Still, even though the crowd was sneering internally, no one dared to cause trouble for Gu Ruoyun because of Yun Yan's presence. They could only let it out internally but the disdain in their eyes could be concealed.

"Why have you come to see me?"

Gu Ruoyun did not reply to Yun Yan's words. She merely shrugged her shoulders and asked.

"Oh." Yun Yan instantly returned to his senses. "It's like this, the Clan Leader had asked me to wait for you here. She wants you to pay her a visit once you've received the inheritance."

Gu Ruoyun raised her brow and nodded gently, "Alright, lead the way."

She should definitely meet the Clan Leader!

After all, it was time for her to leave the Secret Order now that

she has received the inheritance!

The figure of a silver-haired and crimson-robed man appeared unconsciously in Gu Ruoyun's mind and her features softened.

"Xiao Ye, I'll come to find you once I leave the Secret Order."

She softly muttered these words in her heart. Though Yun Yan did not hear what she had said, he felt a change in the woman's once somber aura. Her aura had become very soft and gentle as a smile secretly appeared on the corner of her lips...

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The Secret Order.

The two Secret Order disciples who had previously blocked Gu Ruoyun and her group from entering the Secret Order were standing guard outside the mountain gates. However, at the very next moment, an agile and grim figure appeared like a black eagle out of thin air and landed in front of them.

"If the information I've received is correct, Little Sister should be in the Secret Order."

The man in black's eyes sank as he turned his gaze towards the mountain gates in front of him and murmured, "I must inform my little sister about Qianbei Ye's situation no matter what! She's the only one who can help him now..."

Besides, Qianbei Ye had ended up staying back in such a god-forsaken place in order to save him...

Chapter 1411: Departure From The Secret Order (1)

"Who are you?"

The two hapless Secret Order disciples saw the man in black approaching them and quickly looked at each other before pulling out their weapons and blocked his way outside the gate.

"I'm here to see Gu Ruoyun."

Gu Shengxiao lifted his grim eyes and his silver mask concealed the icy look on his handsome face.

The two Secret Order disciples were instantly shocked. If they had no idea who Gu Ruoyun was in the beginning, they definitely knew who she was now!

That green-robed woman whom they had once believed to be a spy and had barred outside the gates had caused such a strong sensation in the Secret Order. Not only had she managed to defeat Senior Brother Yun Yan, who was a refined state cultivator, she had also received the Secret Order's Sacred Beast's approval! Hence, each time they thought of what they had done to her, their hearts would fill with regret!

"You're here to see Lady Gu?" One of the Secret Order disciples replied sluggishly before asking, "We can't take you to her but we can send a message for you! May I ask who you are?"

As this fellow was wearing a mask, they immediately assumed that he was not a good person.

Otherwise, why would he be afraid of showing his true face?

Of course, because they had learned from their mistakes, they did not dare to make the decision to chase the man away this time. Instead, they decided to pass a message.

Gu Shengxiao had intended to reveal his name when he suddenly

remembered that the Wen family members were in the Secret Order as well. He swallowed the words in his mouth and replied coolly, "Pass this message to her for me, tell her... That an old friend from the Azure Dragon Country in the West Spirit Mainland is here to see her."

"Alright, I will pass the message immediately." After giving his reply, the Secret Order disciple who had spoken turned towards the person next to him, "You stay here and keep watch. Don't let him in."

After that, he did not say anything more as he joined his fists at Gu Shengxiao and walked into the Secret Order.

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The Secret Order.

The white-haired Clan Leader was seated cross-legged on the ground in meditation in the clan hall. Just then, she heard footsteps from outside the door and slowly opened her eyes.

"It seems that the inheritance has concluded."

Just as the Clan Leader had spoken, the door to the clan hall was pushed open.

The Clan Leader then saw Gu Ruoyun follow Yun Yan into the clan hall before stopping in front of her.

"Not bad, not bad." A sense of shock flashed in the Clan Leader's eyes when she saw Gu Ruoyun. However, she calmed down very quickly and nodded in satisfaction, "It looks like you've successfully received the inheritance."

Though there was no perceptible change in Gu Ruoyun's powers at the moment, the Clan Leader's eyes were extremely keen. She could sense the change in Gu Ruoyun's temperament at first glance.

This kind of temperament was as sharp as a knife. She did not

need to release it on purpose to make others feel oppressed.

Yun Yan was shocked when he heard the Clan Leader's remark and stared at Gu Ruoyun.

What does the Clan Leader mean?

Did she just say that Leader has successfully received the inheritance?

I thought that there was no sign of an increase in her powers?

The Clan Leader smiled and explained as if she sensed the confusion in Yun Yan's heart, "The higher one's power grows, the harder it will be to have a breakthrough. So, at times like this, comprehension is even more important! I've been very curious over what the real inheritance was from the very beginning. Now that I've seen you, I understand the content of the inheritance."

She then paused before continuing, "The true inheritance is the things you now comprehend! No matter how much power one possesses, it would be difficult to break through to the last obstacle without an absolute power of understanding!"

Chapter 1412: Departure From The Secret Order (2)

Gu Ruoyun only smiled in a noncommittal way.

She definitely would not let the Clan Leader know that she had also received a most precious item other than comprehension from the inheritance!

This was a lifetime of experience from a peerless cultivator!

To her, this was the greatest of riches!

"Why have you summoned me here?"

Gu Ruoyun's eyes turned towards the Clan Leader's elderly features as she asked calmly.

"Little girl, I know that you have many dissatisfactions towards the Secret Order's decisions. For example, we had agreed to give the inheritance to you and then went back on our word." The Clan Leader sighed in exasperation. "However, I had no other choice either. Even though I am the Secret Order's Clan Leader, there is one person whose orders must be followed. That person is the Secret Order's Sacred Beast! The Sacred Beast had given the order to choose the heir on its own. Therefore, I had no choice."

Gu Ruoyun smiled as she said, "Regardless of the process, this inheritance is now mine. As long as the Secret Order doesn't go back on the deal."

"Hehe." The Clan Leader chuckled softly. "You've already successfully received the inheritance, how can we even go back on our deal? I've called you here today because I know that you are going to leave the Secret Order. However, the Sacred Beast has now been seduced by the plaything in your hand and wants to follow you. Therefore, if you plan to leave the Secret Order, please take the Sacred Beast with you. Furthermore, I have one more thing to ask you. Was that thing which you gave to the Sacred

Beast for consumption a pill?"

A pill?

Boom, crash, crash!

Yun Yan, who had been standing by the side, had been increasingly shocked by the conversation between the two. Once he heard what the Clan Leader had just said, his entire being turned into disarray! His eyes could only stare sluggishly at Gu Ruoyun as his face filled with disbelief.

Just as he was staring sluggishly at Gu Ruoyun, she slowly nodded, "That's right, it was a pill."

Gu Ruoyun's response clarified the Clan Leader's question and resulted in an unstoppable shock in Yun Yan's heart!

After all, when Gu Ruoyun had enticed the Sacred Beast, the entire Secret Order was filled with regret. If they had known that the Sacred Beast was such a glutton, they would have prepared some sweets so that they could receive the Sacred Beast's approval.

However, no matter what, no one expected that the items Gu Ruoyun had produced were not candy but pills instead!

That made sense. How could such a noble existence like the Sacred Beast have been enticed by a plaything used to entice little children? It was likely that only pills could have tempted it to lower its noble status and turned it into such a glutton!

"Haha, indeed, the younger generation will surpass us in time!" The Clan Leader burst into laughter. "I never thought that despite your young age, you would be honored with the art of pill refinement. Even Elder Wuyu greatly admires you as a Pill Master! Previously, Elder Wuyu had asked me to make you stay as he wanted to explore the art of pill refinement with you!"

Yun Yan blinked.

Gu Ruoyun may be a Pill Master but the Secret Order also has

their own Pill Masters in their midst!

Elder Wuyu has been around for so many years and no one in the First City can surpass the pill refinement technique which he has received! Hence, in Yun Yan's eyes, Gu Ruoyun and Elder Wuyu's levels as Pill Masters were on vastly different levels!

However, he never thought that Elder Wuyu would harbor great admiration towards such a young Pill Master that he would even want to explore pill refinement with her?

How could Yun Yan avoid the shocked tremors in his heart?

"Leader, I've certainly acknowledged the right leader now!"

After a long pause, Yun Yan returned to his senses and sighed emotionally. "I am so lucky to have lost to you. Otherwise, I would never have become a Pill Master's follower!"

Chapter 1413: Departure From The Secret Order (3)

Gu Ruoyun ignored Yun Yan's exclamation. Her eyes had remained on the Clan Leader as she slowly declared, "If there's no other business, it's time for me to leave now."

"Alright." The Clan Leader smiled. "Once you're done with your matters outside, I'd like to trouble you to pay the Secret Order another visit."

Gu Ruoyun nodded before she turned to walk out of the door, not saying another word.

"Leader, wait for me."

Yun Yan, who was still in shock, and hurriedly chased after her and walked out of the door at the same time.

The Clan Leader watched Gu Ruoyun as she left and sighed, "While this little girl's features are far too similar to Yu'er's, her personality is entirely different! Yu'er is far gentler but she is cold and is not concerned with worldly matters. However, her daughter has certainly inherited one of Yu'er's traits. If anyone ever lays a hand on her loved ones, she will make them regret it for their entire life!

The Clan Leader chuckled softly when she remembered the rumors surrounding Gu Ruoyun in the secular world. She then relaxed and a smile bloomed on her wrinkly face.

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Chirp!

Just as Gu Ruoyun had stepped out of the clan hall, a snow-white figure descended from the sky and fell into her lap.

The little fellow blinked its large, bright, and intelligent eyes. It then made chirping noises at Gu Ruoyun as if it wants to say

something. Unfortunately, no one could understand what it was trying to say.

"You want to come with me?"

Gu Ruoyun shrugged her shoulders as she asked.

The little fellow nodded vigorously, afraid that Gu Ruoyun would refuse to take it along with her.

"Alright, I can let you come with me but if you wish to stay by my side, you must listen to my every command. Understand?" Gu Ruoyun swept her eyes towards the little fellow and spoke casually.

The little fellow nodded again. It had decided to sell itself out completely for the sake of more pills.

"Since you agree, I will allow you to tag along."

Chirp!

As soon as Gu Ruoyun had spoken, the little fellow leaped and forcefully burrowed itself into Gu Ruoyun's clothes until only its little head peeked out. It would be impossible to notice its presence without looking carefully.

However, when the little fellow buried itself into her clothes, Gu Ruoyun's expression turned black.

The little fellow had brushed against her bosom as it placed its claws on her chest. It even rubbed them several times enthusiastically. Ultimately, that was not satisfying enough so it had placed its little head on her bosom like a pillow, looking utterly satisfied and at ease.

"Er." Yun Yan was shocked. He quickly turned around and said, "I didn't see anything."

He never thought that not only was the Lord Sacred Beast a glutton, it was also very... Perverted!

"I don't want anyone to find out about this little fellow tagging

along with me." Gu Ruoyun turned towards Yun Yan and spoke very clearly. "Do you understand? If I find out that word of this matter has leaked out, I'm afraid that your small life would not be guaranteed."

The little fellow's identity was not like the others. If someone were to find out that she had this little fellow in her possession, it would draw trouble.

Yun Yan was so frightened that his body shook uncontrollably. He then hurriedly made a solemn vow, "Don't worry, Leader. I'm very watchful with my words so I will never reveal this carelessly! Otherwise, may I be struck by lightning and suffer a horrible death!"

Gu Ruoyun nodded and was just about to speak when an anxious voice rushed over in front of them.

"Lady Gu, there's a man outside the Secret Order gates and he's asking to see you!"

Chapter 1414: Brother And Sister Meet Again (1)

Gu Ruoyun was shaken as she turned towards the Secret Order disciple who had issued the report and furrowed her brow.

"Someone wants to see me? Who is it?"

"That person claims to be an old friend from the West Spirit Mainland but he had not mentioned his name."

The West Spirit Mainland? An old friend?

A sense of hesitation flashed in Gu Ruoyun's eyes as she asked, "Can you describe his facial features?"

The Secret Order disciple joined his fists as he replied, "The man was dressed in black robes and wore a silver mask so I wasn't able to see his face."

A man in black robes? Silver mask?

A handsome face instantly appeared in Gu Ruoyun's mind, causing an explosion in her brain.

It's him!

That's right, it must be him!

A sense of joy appeared within Gu Ruoyun's heart when she thought of this possibility. She did not even have the time to give Yun Yan any instructions as she hurriedly rushed out towards the mountain gates.

Yun Yan looked at Gu Ruoyun who had disappeared in the blink of an eye and muttered dazedly to himself, "The Leader has been in this Secret Order for a while now but this was the first time I've ever seen her look this excited. I wonder who this man is to have the ability to create such a great change in her usually calm demeanor."

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Outside the mountain gates.

Gu Ruoyun could see the black-robed man who was standing beneath the clouds and mist. She paused in her footsteps as she stared fixedly at the man's silver mask.

"I knew it, you were the same man who had appeared to save me in the ruins back then!"

She had risked her life in the ruins when she had just arrived in the First City. Fortunately, this man had appeared and saved her!

Though she had always sensed a familiar warmth from this man, she never thought that the man who had risked his life to save her would turn out to be him!

Gu Shengxiao's lips twitched. However, when he laid his eyes upon his little sister's elegant face, he suddenly realized that he had lost his voice. He could not say a word and could only stare at her foolishly.

Gu Ruoyun smiled as she took large strides towards Gu Shengxiao.

"I don't know why you had refused to acknowledge me that day but I know everything now! As long as you're back, it is good enough. I don't care whether you're a man or a puppet, you will always be my elder brother. No one can take you away from me and no one can hurt you!"

She would never allow the Wen family members to take Gu Shengxiao away again! Forget about even refining him completely into a puppet!

"Little Sister..."

Gu Shengxiao's throat was a little dry but he managed to cry out to her in the end.

"Big Brother." Gu Ruoyun's smile was gentle. "I found mother and

father and we were reunited. You were the only one missing in our family! Now that you're back, our family is complete."

Our family is complete?

How wonderful it was to hear those words! However, each time Gu Shengxiao remembered how Qianbei Ye had entered the Dark Earth Realm for his sake, a bitter taste would lurk within his heart. He really wanted to tell Gu Ruoyun all about it but he did not know how. He was afraid that his little sister would not be able to accept such a terrible blow.

"By the way." Gu Ruoyun seemed to remember something and asked, "Xiao Ye had mentioned that he was going to look for you. Did he not find you?"

Otherwise, why would Gu Shengxiao be the only one here? I don't see any sign of that peerless, silver-haired and crimson-robed man?

Chapter 1415: Brother And Sister Meet Again (2)

Gu Shengxiao fell silent when he heard Xiao Ye's name. He tried to open his mouth but did not know how to explain this to his little sister. Hence, he had been unable to speak in the end.

His silence caused the smile on Gu Ruoyun's face to disappear as a bad feeling rose from the pit of her stomach.

"Has... Something happened to Xiao Ye?"

She clenched her fists in a tight grip as she fixed her gaze upon Gu Shengxiao's silver mask and spoke in a solemn voice.

"Little Sister." Gu Shengxiao's voice was hoarse and mixed with an apologetic tone, "Qianbei Ye, he... He is now trapped in the Dark Earth Realm because he had saved me! There was a powerful Three-Headed Hell Dragon in the Dark Earth Realm so I..."

"The Dark Earth Realm, where is this place?"

Gu Ruoyun furrowed her brows. She has lived through two lives yet she has never heard of this place.

"The Dark Earth Realm is commonly known as Hell." Gu Shengxiao glanced at Gu Ruoyun and clearly spotted the great change in the woman's face when she heard his explanation. He pursed his lips as he continued, "This place does not intersect with the mainland at all. Besides, anyone who enters the Dark Earth Realm has never been able to escape."

Boom!

Those words struck like thunder from a clear sky and Gu Ruoyun's body trembled. Her beautiful features turned very pale and a sense of determination flashed in her delicate features.

"How had he managed to enter the Dark Earth Realm?"

Gu Shengxiao laughed bitterly. "Not many people are aware of the Dark Earth Realm's location but I had accidentally stumbled upon some information and found out that I could turn my half-puppet self back into a human. I had then immediately journeyed to the Dark Earth Realm. Unfortunately, I thought that I could sneak into the Dark Earth Realm but the Three-Headed Hell Dragon had caught me."

"The Three-Headed Hell Dragon is the guardian spiritual beast of the Dark Earth Realm and his power is incomparably great. Forget about me, not even Qianbei Ye could stand a chance against him. In exchange for my freedom, he had voluntarily stayed behind. The only thing is, I heard the Three-Headed Hell Dragon mention that Qianbei Ye seems to have countless enemies in the Dark Earth Realm. I'm afraid that everything about his entry into the Dark Earth Realm points to disaster."

Gu Ruoyun's pale features turned extremely solemn. She then became very quiet before saying, "Since both of you had managed to enter the Dark Earth Realm once, I can go too! Big Brother, wait for me here, I will go to the Dark Earth Realm to save Xiao Ye."

"Little Sister." Hearing this, Gu Shengxiao quickly put his hand on Gu Ruoyun's shoulder as his grim eyes displayed a sense of anxiety, "You must consider this very carefully. Based on your level of power, you can't defeat the Three-Headed Hell Dragon. Even if you do go, you might end up trapped in his claws."

In the beginning, Gu Shengxiao had come to Gu Ruoyun because he understood that she was the only one in this world who could save Qianbei Ye! Regardless, this woman was still his little sister so how could he not worry about her safety?

Gu Shengxiao was now filled with regret!

He regretted coming to see Gu Ruoyun and should have used his own abilities to return to the Dark Earth Realm!

"No matter the dangers in the Dark Earth Realm, I must go!"

Because her lover, whom she wants to protect for the rest of her life, was in that place.

Gu Ruoyun's eyes were filled with an unprecedented determination and Gu Shengxiao slowly pulled his hand on her shoulder away.

"Little Sister, since you want to make the trip to the Dark Earth Realm, I'm coming with you." Gu Shengxiao smiled and his handsome face behind the mask glowed with determination, "Qianbei Ye had fallen into the Three-Headed Hell Dragon's claws because of me so I can't just ignore this! Besides, you are my only sister, I can't let you take this risk alone!"

Chapter 1416: Brother And Sister Meet Again (3)

Gu Ruoyun shook her head. "No, there's something else that I need you to do."

"What is it?" Gu Shengxiao was shocked and he knitted his brows as he asked.

"I want you to make a trip to the Red Lotus Territory and inform Mother and Father to be wary of the Wen family! I'm afraid that the Wen family will attack them! This is the most important thing to me. As for the Dark Earth Realm, you won't be of help even if you go." Gu Ruoyun then turned her gaze towards Gu Shengxiao. "Besides, I'm afraid they might worry if they find out about my journey to the Dark Earth Realm!"

Gu Shengxiao looked at Gu Ruoyun as his grim eyes flashed with an unreadable light.

After a long pause, he sighed. "I understand, I'll go look for Mother and Father."

Besides, I won't leave you to venture into the Dark Earth Realm on your own either...

At the thought of this, Gu Shengxiao's eyes darted back and forth before his gaze gradually filled with determination.

It looks like that would be the only way if he wants to raise his power!

Only then would he be able to enter the Dark Earth Realm and help his sister to save Qianbei Ye...

However...

Gu Shengxiao's heart was filled with a bitter smile at the thought of this.

For his sister and Qianbei Ye, who was now in danger, he has no other way! If giving up this body was the price he needs to pay for their safety, he would not be a miser about it...

"Don't let Mother or Father find out about this. Otherwise, knowing Mother and Father, they would instantly storm into the Dark Earth Realm," Gu Ruoyun instructed him solemnly. "Also, they are waiting for your return in Red Lotus Territory."

Gu Shengxiao opened his mouth to speak but his voice seems to be stuck in his throat.

He then reached out with open arms and pulled Gu Ruoyun into his arms before he gently murmured, "Be careful!"

"I understand."

Gu Ruoyun lowered her eyelids, concealing the intent in her eyes.

As Gu Ruoyun had looked away from Gu Shengxiao, she had not noticed the determined light in his eyes either.

If she had known that this fellow would make that decision so he could enter the Dark Earth Realm to bring her aid, she would never have let him stay in the First City! Her ignorance had carved a great regret in the future for her...

Once Gu Ruoyun had finished saying her piece, she did not spare the man a second glance and headed down the mountain.

"Little girl, you've purposely sent him away... I assume that this is because you don't wish for him to take this risk, am I correct?"

Just then, a demonic voice rang out from Gu Ruoyun's soul.

The Wen family?

That had been merely an excuse!

Her true objective was not for Gu Shengxiao to warn her mother and father of the Wen family's actions but to make him stay away!

"I can save Qianbei Ye in the Dark Earth Realm on my own. If he

comes along with me, I'm afraid that he would be put in danger." Gu Ruoyun lifted her eyes to look at a distance as she slowly remarked, "Zixie, Xiao Ye has always come to my rescue so, this time, it's my turn to save him! I will find him no matter where he is. I will save him even if I have to bathe the entire Dark Earth Realm in blood. No one can take my man away from me!"

The woman's green robes fluttered gently in the breeze, displaying an air of dominance. Her gaze was extremely sharp like a blade which could cause hearts to tremble.

Zixie thought for a moment before he replied, "Little girl, based on your current level of power, you will most certainly die if you go up against the Three-Headed Hell Dragon! However, I have another way into the Dark Earth Realm. That path is just as dangerous with a slim chance of survival! Are you sure you want to go ahead?"

Chapter 1417: Brother And Sister Meet Again (4)

A slim chance for survival?

Gu Ruoyun lifted the corners of her lips, "A slim chance of survival is better than certain death! At least there's a chance for survival! Zixie, tell me where that path is!"

An exasperated voice rang out within her soul.

"Since you've made your decision, I will take you to the path I know so you have a chance at survival. However, you must be ready! This road is far more difficult than the trials and tribulations you've experienced in the past! If you fall, your soul will be destroyed!"

Her soul would be destroyed!

This also means that if Gu Ruoyun falls, she would no longer exist in this world.

Similarly, she would never have any chance of reincarnation!

"No matter the dangers in the road ahead, I have to try, right?" A light flashed in Gu Ruoyun's eyes as she continued, "For him, I won't have any regrets even if my soul ends up getting destroyed!"

In the Ancient Divine Pagoda, a twang of agony appeared in Zixie's heart when he heard Gu Ruoyun's statement.

In her past life, this little girl and Qianbei Ye had been rivals who had gradually grown attracted to each other everytime they fought. The feelings between the two had been nurtured after his many years of companionship with! Especially the rapport they shared, it had once filled him with jealousy.

Zixie had thought that he might stand a chance in this lifetime but he now realized that no matter how many lifetimes had passed, that silver-haired man was the only one in her eyes!

"Little girl, since this is what you want to do, you should boldly go ahead and do it whether it's right or wrong! I will always choose to help you as long as it is something that you wish to do. Even if you choose to destroy this mainland one day, I will lend my strength to you."

Zixie smiled with a hint of demonic air as well as a bit of warmth, "If you really do plan on risking your soul being destroyed for his sake, this time, I will also follow you and disappear from this world! We have always had a connection via contract. If you die, I die!"

"Zixie..."

A warm current coursed through Gu Ruoyun's heart which made it tremble.

She owes Zixie too much in this month and she would probably never be able to return the favor for the rest of her life.

"Thank you, Zixie, you've done too much for me. Once everything is finished, I will absolve our contract and return you to freedom." Gu Ruoyun smiled. "You're originally supposed to be a phoenix who soars above the world, you should not have been tied down by anything at all. I have no grounds to confine you for the rest of your life. All I can do is to give you your freedom."

"Little girl, don't forget that when I'm helping you, you're helping me as well. If it were not for our contract, my powers would never have been restored so quickly. Now that you've mentioned it, I should thank you too."

Zixie's voice rang out again as if he knows the apologetic feelings in Gu Ruoyun's heart.

However, he did not know that his words created a deeper sense of guilt in Gu Ruoyun's heart instead. How could she not know that this fellow had said those things so that she would not feel guilty in her heart? However, her debt for Zixie was more than just a small

amount, it was too much!

If it had not been for his help, who knows how many times she would have ended up dead? One could even say that Zixie had risked his life to save her many times. That was why she was still alive now.

Gu Ruoyun did not say anything more but she had made a decision of her own. Once everything was over, she would restore Zixie to freedom so he would no longer be chained to the Ancient Divine Pagoda...

Chapter 1418: The Wen Family's Interception (1)

The sun was setting in the west and the light of the setting sun shone across the foot of the mountain.

Gu Ruoyun, who had just descended the mountain, seemed to sense something and halted her journey.

She then gently curled her lips and calmly remarked, "I'm sure you've been waiting for a long time. What do you want from me?"

Rustle!

Just as she spoke, a large number of people suddenly appeared from thin air in the once empty foot of the mountain.

A white-haired and bearded old man was standing at the front most of the group. His face was stern and cold while a murderous intent enveloped his entire body.

A familiar face was standing next to the old man.

He was a rather young-looking man who was dressed in a bodyguard's attire. He leveled his glare, full of hatred, at Gu Ruoyun as he gritted his teeth and said, "Gu Ruoyun, did you think that the Wen family would spare you after poisoning our Young Lady? Though our Young Lady has no way of sending the order to kill you, I am still on our Young Lady's side!"

The man in front of her was clearly the guard who had tagged along with Wen Ya. As someone on Wen Ya's side, he would naturally have gone through rigorous training and instinctively understood his Master's needs.

Hence, when he left the Secret Order, he had immediately reported the matter to the Wen family and told them about everything which Gu Ruoyun had done. This was why the Wen family members were now standing in her way.

"Elder." The Wen family guard turned towards the elder next to him and spoke with reverence, "This is the woman who had hurt the Eldest Lady!"

"Hmph!"

The elder scoffed icily when he heard this and straightened his sleeves as he glared icily at Gu Ruoyun.

"Little girl, crossing the Wen family will be the biggest mistake of your life! It will also be the greatest regret of your life!"

Gu Ruoyun smiled calmly as she replied, "Oh really?"

"Gu Ruoyun, you had once used a spiritual weapon to defeat the early-stage refined state Yun Yan but so what? Our Lord Elder is now at the mid-stage of the refined state. You're no match for him even if you have a high-class spiritual weapon!"

The Wen family bodyguard sneered at Gu Ruoyun as his heart filled with murderous intent.

If it had not been for this woman, the Eldest Lady would not have raged at him! It was all her fault that he had lost the Eldest Lady's trust!

That was right!

At this moment, the Wen family guard had pushed his failure in framing Gu Ruoyun at the plaza all on Gu Ruoyun's head. In his point of view, this was all Gu Ruoyun's fault! If she had not been so sinister and cunning, he would never have had to endure the Eldest Lady's ire!

Gu Ruoyun chuckled softly as her eyes filled with a somber light.

Her green robes fluttered in the wind, tranquil and noble.

"The Wen family had separated my family and nearly turned my older brother into a puppet. I haven't collected this debt yet and now, you've actually come to me."

"What arrogance!"

The elder scoffed icily when he heard this and came face-to-face with Gu Ruoyun in a flash. His white robes were fluttering like the wind.

His attack was as quick as lightning and his hand slammed towards Gu Ruoyun's head with the force of a mountain. Under the wild wind, there was a sharp, murderous intent in the elderly man's features.

"Damned girl, you've crossed the Wen family so accept your death like a good girl!"

Boom!

As his fist slammed towards Gu Ruoyun, she reached out her hand to catch it. A wave of powerful energy instantly transferred from his callused fist into Gu Ruoyun's chest which made her stumble backward. However, her delicate face had carried a small smile the entire time.

"Hahaha, how was that Gu Ruoyun? Isn't there a vast difference in power between a cultivator in the mid-stage refined state and the early stage? Don't you have a spiritual weapon? Take it out and use it! However, even if you do that, it's useless. Our Lord Elder would still be able to beat you to death!"

Chapter 1419: The Wen Family's Interception (2)

The Wen family guard laughed maniacally as he sent Gu Ruoyun a fierce glare.

The elder's actions allowed him to finally vent his frustrations!

He would love to see if this damned girl still has the courage to act so brazenly now!

"The power between a cultivator in the mid-stage of the refined state is indeed on a whole other level in comparison with an early-stage," Gu Ruoyun smiled serenely as she replied. "However, I have a lot of matters to attend to and I don't have time to waste on you."

"Hmph, Gu Ruoyun! Are you trying to beg us into letting you off this time? Dream on. How had you treated our Eldest Lady in the past? You now have the audacity to ask us to spare you? Besides, is this how you beg? Begging means you should kneel and crawl between my legs!"

In the Wen family guard's point of view, Gu Ruoyun was only saying this because she does not want to fight them! Why would he allow such a thing? He had led the elder here to kill this damned girl! Killing this girl was the only way for him to vent his Eldest Lady's frustrations!

Gu Ruoyun glanced at the Wen family guard before she turned towards the elder and calmly replied, "I'm in a hurry. If we are going to fight, come at me all at once."

If you plan on fighting, come at me all at once...

Just how stupid is this woman?

The Wen family guard was dumbstruck when he heard Gu Ruoyun's reply. In his opinion, Gu Ruoyun was simply throwing her life away! She could not even defeat the elder yet she was

arrogant enough to ask the Wen family members to attack her all at once?

If this isn't her digging her own grave, what is?

"Gu Ruoyun, have you gone mad?" The Wen family guard returned to his senses and stared at Gu Ruoyun. "If you want to die, just say it. Why beat around the bush?"

Gu Ruoyun focused her gaze upon the elder as if she had not heard the Wen family guard's disdainful voice.

There was an ugly look on the elder's face. He then straightened his sleeves and scoffed, "If you want to die, let me fulfill your wish!"

Boom!

A powerful energy exploded from the elder's body, causing his clothes to explode as well. An elderly figure then flashed towards Gu Ruoyun like a bolt of lightning.

The other members of the Wen family have long disliked Gu Ruoyun's smug look. Hence, they also charged toward her without waiting for the elder's order. Instantly, countless figures were rushing swiftly towards Gu Ruoyun, each one emanating a thick murderous air.

Bang!

Suddenly, the entire forest trembled. This shook the people who were charging towards Gu Ruoyun and they stopped.

Just as they were looking around the area in astonishment, a red light flashed across Gu Ruoyun's figure before dispersing into the sky.

The sky immediately turned into an absolutely magnificent sea of flames, casting a foil against the entire forest like it was on fire.

"This... What's going on?"

The Wen family guard's eyes were filled with shock but before he

could finish speaking, his eyes widened instantly as he stared at Gu Ruoyun in disbelief, his voice stuck in his throat.

When the Nine Emperors emerge, all the heavens and earth shall move!

All they could see was a gigantic sword floating in front of Gu Ruoyun. The sword seems to contain the souls of nine dragons writhing around within its blade. The dragon's cruel eyes were alight with bloodlust as if they wanted to charge out from the blade and consume them all.

"Nine Emperors, attack!"

Wham!

The large sword slammed towards them from the sky. It seemed to move very slowly and one could even see the trace of its trajectory in the middle of the sky. However, just as the crowd began to panic, the sharp sword had sliced the Wen family member's bodies into two halves.

Chapter 1420: The Wen Family's Interception (3)

The Wen family guard was dumbstruck as he stared in shock at Gu Ruoyun's gently smiling face. The disdainful look on his face changed into one of disbelief and his eyes widened immensely. He looked almost as if he had just seen a ghost.

Impossible!

How is this possible?

Aside from that spiritual weapon, she had another even more powerful weapon?

However, Gu Ruoyun had not spared him a glance at all. Her eyes were turned towards the deep chasm created by the great sword.

A sorry-looking figure then leaped out from the great chasm.

The elder stood amidst the corpses with an extremely ugly look on his face. He never expected Gu Ruoyun to hold such a powerful weapon in her hand, what more to have such powerful strength!

If his guess was right, the sword in her hand was a legendary divine weapon!

Only a divine weapon could display such great power!

The elder's eyes darkened when he thought about this. He then took a deep breath and said, "Consider yourself lucky this time! Let's go!"

At this moment, only a few Wen family disciples had remained in the foot of the mountain aside from the Wen family elder! Everyone else had been sliced into two by Gu Ruoyun's attack!

"Go?" Gu Ruoyun smiled calmly as she stared at the elder who was just about to leave. "I'm afraid that it won't be that easy so you better just leave your lives here."

The elder's back stiffened when he heard this. He turned around towards the smiling green-robed woman and let out a retort with an ugly look on his face, "Gu Ruoyun, you should know when to draw the line for a better outcome next time! You've killed so many of our Wen family members yet the Wen family hasn't made you pay for it but you still want to take the advantage! Don't go overboard with your ignorance over what's good for you. Otherwise, it won't end well for you!"

Gu Ruoyun looked at the enraged elder as she slowly raised her hand...

The elder was shocked and he could only watch, unable to comprehend what she was going to do.

However, he soon experienced Gu Ruoyun's next move!

Wham!

A great pagoda came slamming down from the sky. Before the elder could react, it had smashed into him with a loud crash. the impact made a large hole in the ground once again and buried the elder's old body underneath it.

"Elder!"

The faces of the remaining Wen family disciples changed greatly and they cried out anxiously. However, no one dared to step forward to help him.

But that was not the end of it?

That was right!

After Gu Ruoyun had smashed the Ancient Divine Pagoda down, she lifted her hand and moved it into the air.

The elder took a deep breath as he lay at the bottom of the deep hole. At this moment, all he could feel were his broken ribs and it was an extremely agonizing. If he had not reached the mid-stage of the refined state, his bones would have been smashed into powder

by now.

However, before the elder could speak, the Ancient Divine Pagoda had slammed down once again, causing the entire mountain range to tremble.

"Elder!"

The members of the Wen family looked extremely furious. They glared fiercely at Gu Ruoyun as they spat, "Gu Ruoyun, you've crossed the line, you are a demon who would kill without blinking an eye! Someone like you should be chopped into a million pieces and left without a whole corpse!"

"That's right, you've already killed so many people in the Wen family so why are you still acting in such a ruthless manner? Even if we had tried to kill you before, so many lives have been given back to you now! Still, you're using such methods to torture the elder. Such a sinister woman should not be allowed to live on this earth."

"That's right, our Wen family had attacked you to eliminate a public threat. You should accept death like an obedient girl! I'm going to give you a piece of advice, surrender now. Otherwise, our Wen family will never let you escape!"

Chapter 1421: The Road To The Dark Earth Realm (1)

The Wen family members were insanely furious with Gu Ruoyun's actions and they began to speak incoherently. In their opinion, no one that the Wen family intends to kill had been able to stay alive for long. However, not only had this woman killed a lot of Wen family disciples, she was even torturing their elder now.

Her actions were clearly a slap in the Wen family's face.

Gu Ruoyun smiled faintly as she spoke, "If I were to gain the reputation as someone who has committed a heinous crime for the sake of avenging myself then so what? The Wen family had torn my family apart in the first place and taken my big brother away to refine him into a puppet. Hence, based on these two points, even if your Wen family had not come to me, I would have gone to eradicate the entire Wen family eventually!"

"Besides," she paused before she continued, "Not only have you seen the Nine Emperors, you've also witnessed the Ancient Divine Pagoda's existence. Therefore, how can I possibly let any of you out of here alive?"

Wham!

As she spoke, Gu Ruoyun raised the Ancient Divine Pagoda once again and slammed it furiously onto the elder who was lying within the deep chasm.

"AARRRGHH!"

At that moment, all the group could hear was the elder's heart-wrenching shrieks. After a long pause, his voice disappeared and the heavens and earth returned to peace and quiet.

Whoosh!

Gu Ruoyun lifted her hand and put the Ancient Divine Pagoda

away.

They then saw the elder who was lying in the hole. He had been smashed into a meat patty until even his face was unrecognizable.

The sight of this made them shiver and they looked at Gu Ruoyun as if they were looking at a demon while they stumbled backward.

"Run!"

The group looked at each other but before they could react, a sword had shot down from the sky.

"Did I give you permission to leave?"

Suddenly, a somber voice rang out from behind them. Before any of them could react, they felt a cold wind on their backs. They quickly turned around to see a blade shoot across the sky as it slashed towards the middle towards the group.

"No!"

The group stared angrily at her before they let out a piercing shriek.

Unfortunately for them, Gu Ruoyun did not stop. She had slashed the remaining Wen family disciples into two without hesitation!

Blood was now drenched all over the foot of the mountain as the disciples fell, one by one. The guard who brought the Wen family group to avenge himself was dumbstruck. He then noticed that Gu Ruoyun had turned her gaze towards him and threw himself to the ground with a thud.

"Lady Gu, I have failed to recognize your importance and offended you. Lady Gu, please spare my insignificant life. If you spare me, I am willing to do anything even if you turn me into a cow or a dog."

The guard kowtow-ed fiercely and did not seem to notice that he was now bleeding from his own head from knocking it too hard on

the ground. Gu Ruoyun has thoroughly scared him witless and he no longer dared to say another word.

As long as Gu Ruoyun spared his life, he would do anything for her!

Besides, once he has safely returned to the Wen family, he would inform the Master of this matter. Hence, the next person to approach Gu Ruoyun would be his Master!

No one can ever stay alive for long after offending the Wen family!

A fierce glint flashed across the Wen family guard's eyes but because he had kept his head lowered, he was confident that no one would be able to see through his intentions.

Gu Ruoyun glanced at the Wen family guard once before she continued down the mountain with her back turned against him.

The Wen family guard thought that Gu Ruoyun had spared him and his heart leaped. He was just about to rise to his feet when the woman's faint voice slowly rang out throughout the foot of the mountain.

Chapter 1422: The Road To The Dark Earth Realm (2)

"Nine Emperors, this man, and these bodies... I'll leave them in your care now."

Gu Ruoyun's voice caused the Wen family guard to shake. He raised his head in astonishment and stared at Gu Ruoyun's back in confusion.

He looked as if he did not know what this woman was talking about.

However, he soon understood the meaning behind Gu Ruoyun's words.

The great sword, which had been standing erect behind Gu Ruoyun, released a blood red light. A hand then reached out from within the blade and grabbed onto the Wen family guard's body tightly before starting to pull him into the blade.

"No!"

The Wen family guard's eyes widened in panic as he let out a piercing scream that rang throughout the entire mountain range. In the end, he was swallowed whole by the sword.

If anyone had been here, they would be able to see nine dragons spirits slithering within the sword as they opened their large, bloodthirsty mouths and consumed the Wen family guard who had been dragged into the blade! Of course, the bodies on the ground were not spared either. At this moment, the Nine Emperors looked as if they were enjoying a delicious meal.

Each time the Nine Emperors swallowed a cultivator's body, their powers would increase exponentially. It would then absorb the purest parts of the energy and send the impurities into Gu Ruoyun's body! Even if the Nine Emperors does not need this power, this also gave Gu Ruoyun's power a substantial increase as

the energy has been tempered by the Nine Emperors!

Of course, these powers could not push Gu Ruoyun into a breakthrough but it did help to increase the spiritual energy in Gu Ruoyun's body by a great deal!

She only needs a bit more power before she would successfully receive a promotion!

"Phew." After Gu Ruoyun had absorbed the energy, she slowly opened her eyes and exhaled. "The people sent by the Wen family were no small fishes this time. They had allowed me to reach the peak of the late-stage in the exceptional state. That's leaves only one more step before I break through to the refined state! Besides, I feel as if I can now slowly control the Nine Emperors!"

After all, the Nine Emperors has a mind of its own and would not necessarily appear when Gu Ruoyun wills it! That had largely depended on its mood!

However, at the end of this battle, Gu Ruoyun felt as if her connection with the Nine Emperors has deepened.

She fell momentarily silent at the thought of this before saying, "I remember that the Nine Emperors had absorbed quite a bit of energy during the last fight. It then sent a bit of impure energy into my body. From that moment on, I could sense its presence on a deeper level. However, I still had no way of controlling it. Now, due to this battle, I've developed an even deeper connection with it. Does this mean that I will only be able to control the Nine Emperors completely after fighting alongside it many times?"

Gu Ruoyun shook her head and sighed exasperatedly.

"It's unfortunate that I can't use the Nine Emperors whenever I wish. First of all, its presence cannot be exposed. I had allowed it to appear this time because there wasn't anyone else around. However, I can never allow it to be revealed in public to avoid bringing unnecessary trouble to myself. Besides, even after

reaching a situation like this one, if the Nine Emperors had refused to fight for me, I cannot forcefully summon it to me."

Hence, it might not be that easy to reach the stage when she can control the Nine Emperors completely.

However, under these circumstances, the Nine Emperors had been able to release such a powerful energy. If she could completely control it, how great would its power be?

"Forget it, we'll cross that bridge when it comes. Whatever it is, the most important thing now is to go to the Dark Earth Realm and find Xiao Ye." Gu Ruoyun returned to her senses and mused, "Zixie, are you certain that the other path to the Dark Earth Realm is over there?"

Chapter 1423: The Road To The Dark Earth Realm (3)

"That's correct." Zixie gently nodded. "I'm sure that you'll be able to reach the Dark Earth Realm through that path!"

"Alright." Gu Ruoyun mildly lowered her eyelids as she calmly replied, "Since that's the case, let's make a trip back. It's time for me to meet my old friends again!"

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West Spirit Mainland, Dongfang family home.

Master Dongfang was standing in the middle of the courtyard as he stared into the distance with a bitter smile on his face. "It's been several years now. That girl, Yun'er, has been in the East Peak Mainland for so many years and still hasn't returned. I wonder if it's smooth sailing for her over there."

"Father." Dongfang Shaoze appeared behind Master Dongfang and looked at the old fellow as he laughed exasperatedly. "You must believe in Yun'er's powers. Knowing her talent, she would certainly rise from the ranks on the East Peak Mainland. There's no need for us to worry too much... Besides, my uncle has just returned from the East Peak mainland, we can ask him about the situation there."

Master Dongfang laughed bitterly as his expression filled with worry. "Yun'er isn't the only one who isn't around. Even that boy, Shengxiao, is missing and we don't know where he's gone off to either. I've sent people to search every corner of the West Spirit Mainland but we can't find him at all!"

If Gu Shengxiao was not in the West Spirit Mainland, there could only be one possibility. He must have traveled to the East Peak Mainland.

However, Gu Shengxiao's power was not strong enough so why

would he go there?

Dongfang Shaoze gripped the fan in his hand tightly as an unreadable light flashed within his handsome and gentle face. After a long pause, he continued, "Father, Mother is meeting with Uncle now. We'll have some answers when Mother returns! If Gu Shengxiao has really left for the East Peak Mainland, I'd like to go there as well. I cannot be at peace if he is there."

"No!"

Master Dongfang fiercely cut Dongfang Shaoze off before he could finish, "The East Peak Mainland is not like the West Spirit Mainland and there are numerous powerful cultivators there. Even your uncle, the Honorable Sir Tianqi, would be considered as the lowest of existence there! You aren't allowed to set foot into that place before you reach the rank of Martial Supreme! If you do go there, not only would you be powerless to help Yun'er, you would drag her down as well!"

This remark was like a heavy weight as it slammed fiercely into Dongfang Shaoze's heart.

That young girl, who had once been oppressed in Azure Dragon Country, has now grown to this level!

However, his father was right. Based on his current level of power, not only would he be powerless to help Yun'er, he would drag her down as well...

Power!

Now, the most important thing is still power!

Dongfang Shaoze's grip on his fan grew tighter as he thought about this and his handsome face soon filled with determination!

If he has enough power, he would not need to sit and wait in the West Spirit Mainland. Instead, he would be able to journey across this vast world!

"Father!"

Just as Dongfang Shaoze made his decision, he saw a familiar figure shooting across the air all of a sudden. He rubbed his eyes in disbelief and his gaze quickly changed from his initial shock to pleasant surprise.

"Father, come quick, it's Yun'er. Yun'er's back!"

"Hehe." Master Dongfang laughed coldly when he heard Dongfang Shaoze's exclamation. "Damned brat, are you trying to trick me? Do you think that I can be so easily fooled? Yun'er is still in the East Peak Mainland now. She can't possibly have returned. You can't fool me!"

Chapter 1424: The Road To The Dark Earth Realm (4)

"Father, I'm not bluffing, it really is Yun'er!"

Dongfang Shaoze's entire face was filled with glee as he quickly shook Master Dongfang.

Unfortunately, Master Dongfang was not having any of it.

'You must be hallucinating! Yun'er isn't home!'

Master Dongfang scoffed as he kept his gaze trained at a different direction and did not turn around at all.

Suddenly, a hand landed on his shoulder which made him furrow his brows impatiently. He lifted his hand to slap it away as he muttered, "Damned kid, I've told you, I'm not going to fall for your tricks! Quit annoying me and get your butt back to cultivation. How are you going to be any match for Yun'er and Shengxiao with your cultivation speed?"

Before Gu Ruoyun and Gu Shengxiao were born, Dongfang Shaoze was the top genius in the Dongfang family! Master Dongfang was terribly proud of him too! Unfortunately, in contrast with those two, Dongfang Shaoze's cultivation speed was not worth a second look now.

As Master Dongfang was flying into a rage, a leisurely voice rang out behind him.

"What? Are you losing your temper when I've just returned? I guess it would be better for me to leave."

That voice was very familiar and caused his body to stiffen immediately.

Master Dongfang turned around mechanically. His eyes, filled with disbelief, looked at the grinning woman. He then rubbed his eyes furiously and was so shocked that he could not even speak.

"You... Yun'er? Impossible, this must be an illusion, it's an illusion!"

Yun'er is on the East Peak Mainland, how can she possibly be here?

This is all an illusion!

"Looks like Master Dongfang does not welcome my return. I had come back with some good news for you but since I am not welcome, I'm going to leave now."

Gu Ruoyun turned around as she spoke.

Master Dongfang finally returned to his senses and charged in front of Gu Ruoyun with a whoosh, blocking her way.

"Yun'er, are you really Yun'er? You're back?"

One could not really blame Master Dongfang for his disbelief about Gu Ruoyun's return. After all, he has had this hallucination so many times until even when the real Gu Ruoyun was standing in front of him, he does not dare to believe it!

"I've come back this time with other matters to attend to. I had stopped here to visit you all because it happens to be along the way."

Gu Ruoyun shrugged her shoulders and stared at the old fellow's disbelieving face with a tight smile.

The old fellow hesitated for a long while before he reached his trembling hand out to touch Gu Ruoyun's face. When he confirmed that she was indeed real, this old man finally believes that the woman in front of him was really Gu Ruoyun!

Instantly, hot tears began to fill his eyes. He opened his mouth but was speechless.

"Yun'er, you're back, you're really back! Do you know how much your great uncle and your maternal grandmother have missed you all these years? Your great uncle had even run to the East Peak

Mainland to gather some news about you. He has just returned to the Spirit Sect and your maternal grandmother has gone to see him."

Hearing what the old fellow had said, Gu Ruoyun's heart softened and her face lit up with a smile, "Maternal Grandmother has gone to the Spirit Sect? Looks like I won't be able to meet her this time. Please send her my regards when she gets back. Tell her that I'll come back to see her once I've finished everything that I need to do."

"Yun'er." Master Donfang furrowed his brows and asked, "You mentioned that you've returned to attend to some matters. What are these matters? Do you need any help?"

"There's no need." Gu Ruoyun shook her head. "I'm only going to look for something. I'll be back very soon. By the way..."

Chapter 1425: The Road To The Dark Earth Realm (5)

Gu Ruoyun paused and said, "My big brother has gone to the East Peak Mainland and we've met up there so you don't need to worry too much."

Gu Shengxiao's disappearance must have caused great anxiety to their relatives in the West Spirit Mainland. Hence, she had explained the situation but left out the matter concerning the Wen family so that they would not worry too much.

"So that kid Shengxiao has gone off to look for you." Master Dongfang heaved a sigh of relief. "Since you have both ran into each other, I can relax. Shengxiao had disappeared several years ago and we had not been able to find him for years. I never thought that he would have gone off to the East Peak Mainland without telling anyone."

Gu Ruoyun smiled but did not say very much else.

After all, Gu Shengxiao had not run off on his own but had been whisked away by the Wen family from the First City.

"Also, I have one more thing to tell you." Gu Ruoyun turned her gaze on Master Dongfang as she said, "My parents are still alive and our family has been reunited."

"What?"

Master Dongfang's still-smiling being froze entirely when he heard this. His elderly eyes could only stare dazedly at Gu Ruoyun as he asked in disbelief, "What did you just say? I didn't manage to hear you very clearly, can you say it again?"

At the same time, Dongfang Shaoze was in a daze as well. After all, Dongfang Yu's death back then was a stab in every Dongfang family member's heart! Now that he heard that the Gu couple were still alive, how could he not feel excited?

Hence, just as Master Dongfang asked his question to clarify, Dongfang Shaoze's eyes were fixed squarely upon Gu Ruoyun as his gaze filled with excitement.

"My father and mother are still alive." Gu Ruoyun smiled at the expression on both men's faces. "Besides, my father is now a household name in the East Peak Mainland. Everyone calls him Grand Lord Hong Lian and no one dares to offend him. The two of them have now been reunited and when all this is over, I'll bring them here to see you."

Master Dongfang's expression was shaking as if he had been put into a daze by Gu Ruoyun's news. After a long pause, he burst into laughter.

His laughter pierced into the sky and echoed throughout the Dongfang family home.

"Haha, the heavens truly have eyes, my daughter is still alive, she's still alive!"

As he smiled, Master Dongfang suddenly began to tear up from happiness. His body began to shake from the excitement.

"Those hateful people who had hurt my daughter! If it had not been for them, my daughter would never have been forced to leave her home for twenty years! Our family would never have been torn apart!"

Once, Master Dongfang had not dared to avenge Gu Tian and his wife as he was looking out for the Dongfang family's best interests.

However, how could he not feel hatred over his own daughter's death?

He felt a hateful urge to tear the perpetrators into shreds as a sacrifice for his daughter's spirit in heaven.

However, as the head of the family, he could not do so! Otherwise, not only would he fail to avenge his daughter, he would have dragged the Dongfang family into destruction. Hence, he had

held it all inside!

Now that he knows that Dongfang Yu was still alive, how could he now feel excited?

"Master Dongfang, Uncle." Gu Ruoyun looked at Master Dongfang and the similarly excited Dongfang Shaoze as she smiled faintly. "I can't stay too long this time. I still have another important matter to solve so I'm going to take my leave first. Next time, I'll bring Mother and Father back home when I return!"

Chapter 1426: The Road To The Dark Earth Realm (6)

Master Dongfang gasped before he softly patted Gu Ruoyun's shoulder and spoke sincerely, "Little girl, your maternal grandmother has missed you all these years. Once you've finished your matters, don't forget to come back."

Gu Ruoyun gently nodded. She took one last look at Master Dongfang and Dongfang Shaoze before turning around and walked out of the courtyard.

Very soon, the green-robed figure disappeared before their eyes.

"Let's go, Father." Dongfang Shaoze lowered his eyelids and his once gentle gaze was filled with determination, "I believe that Yun'er will be back very soon. All we can do now is to increase our power so that we don't become a burden for her."

Following Gu Ruoyun's increase in power, her enemies have also grown more powerful. If the Dongfang family's power does not increase accordingly, they might end up dragging Gu Ruoyun down in the process.

Master Dongfang laughed bitterly. In the end, he had turned around without another word. However, no one noticed that Master Dongfang's back had become taller and straighter. Even his shadow seems to slowly grow larger...

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Ever since Gu Ruoyun's sudden rise to fame, Azure Dragon Country had now become a place filled with powerful cultivators. The main reason for this was because of Hundred Herb Hall, which belongs to Gu Ruoyun, which had created a unique scene in Azure Dragon Country.

"It has been more than ten years. Now that I think about it, ten years have passed since I've been reincarnated into this place. I've

left the Azure Dragon Country for about seven years now." Gu Ruoyun pondered as she strolled along the prosperous streets, looking at the familiar yet strange surroundings. She then lifted the corners of her lips. "I never thought that I would come back here because the other path to the Dark Earth Realm is in Azure Dragon Country!"

Azure Dragon Country.

This was where her reputation had first risen!

Before that, Gu Ruoyun had been a famous good-for-nothing who suffered from humiliation and had been beaten to death by her own grandfather! It was likely that ten years ago, those people never would have thought that she would achieve so much today.

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"Hehe, when you talk about the Azure Dragon Country, you may be allowed to be ignorant of who our current ruler is or who the Crown Prince is. However, there's one person that everyone on this mainland knows!"

"That person is the once good-for-nothing of the Gu family ten years ago, Gu Ruoyun!"

"Speaking of Gu Ruoyun, she really was a miracle back then. At the time, everyone had treated her with disdain and everyone wanted to beat her up. Now, even the Two Great Authorities bows to her! You must know that the Two Great Authorities are the paramounts of supremacy who rule over our mainland!"

"Initially, there had been three Great Authorities. However, the Immortal Realm, who used to be one of the Three Great Authorities, was destroyed by Gu Ruoyun own hands. It is said that the cultivators of the Immortal Realm had laid their hands on her friends and she had then exterminated the entire Immortal Realm on her own, wiping them out completely! She had even led the other organizations into the Demon War and annihilated the

demons!"

"The reason why our West Spirit Mainland is so peaceful now is largely connected to Gu Ruoyun's contributions. Unfortunately, after the Demon War, Gu Ruoyun had left this place. Based on a reliable source, she seems to have journeyed to the East Peak Mainland.."

Not too far away, a storyteller was spitting saliva as he told the story of the shocking battle against the demons a few years ago to a crowd of people around him.

The audience was filled with excitement as they listened to the storyteller's passionate voice while their eyes filled with anticipation...

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"She had used to be a good-for-nothing but in the end, she had managed to achieve so much mainly due to her hard work."

"Sigh, it's unfortunate that I was very weak back then so I did not have the right to join the Demon War and I did not have the luck to meet that peerless talent. Now, my goal is to work hard in my cultivation with the hope that, one day in the future, I'll be able to get her attention."

A young man from within the crowd spoke up yearningly.

"Haha, stop dreaming, didn't you hear what the storyteller just said? Gu Ruoyun has made her way to the East Peak Mainland. Why should she stay at a place like this? Only mainlands with supremacy above all are fit for powerful cultivators like her. As for us, we'd better work hard and cultivate."

The crowd burst into laughter. Based on their point of view, those who have journeyed to the East Peak Mainland will never return to this place so why should Gu Ruoyun show her face here?

To them, they would only be able to set foot on another mainland by working hard in their cultivation. Only then would they have a chance to get to know her.

"Let's go."

Gu Ruoyun shook her head as she gently stroked the little fellow in her arms and calmly remarked,

The little fellow purred and buried its head into Gu Ruoyun's bosom, looking absolutely blissful.

Just as Gu Ruoyun was about to leave, a voice suddenly cried out to her, "Hey, are you looking down on my dream? Do you all think that I'll never have the chance to meet that peerless genius in this

lifetime?"

The young man's entire face had turned red. He glared angrily at the people around him before he turned to face Gu Ruoyun, filled with rage.

The young man was clearly the same one who had mentioned that he wants to receive Gu Ruoyun's attention. However, he could not take the crowd's sneering and disdain. When he saw the careless look on Gu Ruoyun's face, he thought that she looked down on his dream and stopped her out of anger born from his shame.

At that moment, everyone's eyes followed the young man and turned towards Gu Ruoyun.

"Let me tell you this, I've worked very hard so that I can receive her tutelage! Yet, you've dared to look down on me, every single one of you!" The young man was extremely enraged. He has identified Gu Ruoyun as someone who looked down on him as well. "If I had been born several years earlier, I dare to guarantee that I would have been a part of the Demon War that year. Now, those of you who look down on me must apologize! Don't even think of leaving before you apologize!"

The young man had blocked Gu Ruoyun unreasonably and his eyes were spitting fire. Why had he worked so hard throughout all these years? His dream was so great, what right do they have to look down on him?

"Li Jie, forget it. She's only a little maiden, why bother her?"

"Besides, you're already more than twenty years old so how many more years earlier would you have needed to be born? Even if you had been born a few years earlier, you would never have been able to join the Demon War. You've better go back and forget all about that dream."

The man called Li Jie was so angry that his entire being was

spitting fire. However, he did not have the courage to bicker with the others and instead, let all his anger out on Gu Ruoyun.

In his opinion, Gu Ruoyun was only a young little maiden and a pushover.

"Why did you shake your head? Were you looking down on me? I want you to apologize to me. Otherwise, you can forget about leaving."

Because Gu Ruoyun had received such great attention upon her arrival, the expression she displayed when the storyteller was telling his tale shone into Li Jie's eyes, especially since this woman had shaken her head and tried to leave after he had declared his grand objective.

If she had not been looking down on him, what was she doing instead?

However, Li Jie was overthinking things. Gu Ruoyun had only stumbled across this place by accident and decided to leave after listening to the storyteller. This had absolutely nothing to do with Li Jie's dream...

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The crowd was in a heated discussion along the bustling street.

Li Jie's eyes turned red as he was surrounded by the crowd and his eyes filled with anger. For anyone who does not know the situation, they would assume that Gu Ruoyun had done something intolerable to him!

"Get out of the way!"

Gu Ruoyun furrowed her brows as she commanded.

After she had spoken, she circled around Li Jie and attempted to leave.

However, the furious Li Jie has lost any sense of rationality. He grabbed Gu Ruoyun's robe as he scolded angrily, "No, you must apologize to me. If you don't apologize, forget about thinking of leaving this place!"

Wham!

Suddenly, a powerful force erupted from Gu Ruoyun's body and flung Li Jie's hand away. Li Jie was shocked by Gu Ruoyun's sudden surge of power when her calm, airy voice rang out once again.

"In this world, no one is born a genius. If you want to become the center of attention, you won't find it here. You will only gain everyone's attention when you work hard in your cultivation! There's no use for you to hoot and holler here."

Gu Ruoyun then continued to move forward without looking back after saying her piece.

Li Jie stared dazedly at the flash of green robes and was unable to return to his senses after a long time.

This woman had seen right through his intention with one glance!

She had been right, he wants Gu Ruoyun to become his Master because he wants to catch everyone's eye one day! However, he never really wanted to become her disciple!

He loves being the center of attention too much.

If he could become the disciple of such a peerless genius, everyone on the mainland would know about his existence! By then, many beautiful women would rush into his embrace!

"I think I know who she is."

The storyteller who had observed Gu Ruoyun's interaction returned to his senses and exclaimed dazedly, "If I'm not mistaken, that woman was Gu Ruoyun!"

"What?"

The words 'Gu Ruoyun' sent the crowd into a daze and they stared at the storyteller in disbelief.

"Are you certain that you've got the right person?" Li Jie sluggishly turned around and gulped, "She... She was Gu Ruoyun?"

How can this be?

According to legend, Gu Ruoyun had journeyed to the East Peak Mainland so why would she appear in the relatively mundane Azure Dragon Country?

"That's right, she was Gu Ruoyun." The storyteller nodded. This time, his voice was full of certainty as he continued, "A good friend of mine once had the good fortune to participate in the War of Gods and Demons. He had seen Gu Ruoyun then and hung a portrait of her in his study. I had seen this portrait when I visited his study. I was just saying that this woman looked very familiar. Now, I remember who she is!"

Boom!

The crowd was completely stunned as if they had been struck by lightning.

Li Jie, who had been standing in Gu Ruoyun's way, was feeling extremely shocked. His heart then filled with regret as if ants were gnawing at it.

Nevertheless, his regret was not because he had offended Gu Ruoyun. Instead, he was regretful that he did not take advantage of the opportunity to ask her to be his Master!

If he has such a peerless Master, how much more awe-inspiring authority would he gain from then on?

"No, I can't leave things like this. I must make her my Master!"

Li Jie clenched his fists and silently swore as he stared in the direction of Gu Ruoyun's departure.

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Naturally, Gu Ruoyun, who had left the Imperial City then, was ignorant of the crowd's reaction to her identity.

At this moment, she had paused on a mountain's peak near the outskirts of the Imperial City. She then turned her gaze into the distance before calmly exclaiming, "Zixie, where's that seal you've mentioned?"

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